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Date Complaint Received:	5/20/2014
Complaint Received By:	DHS
Provider Name and Location:	Michele McFadden, 3031 Oak Street Ct., Bettendorf, IA 52722

Complaint: Complaint received on 5/20/2014 that Michele McFadden's child development home has ongoing mold concerns and Machelles has been smoking in her basement. Additional concerns regarding Michele not appropriately supervising children in her care due to drinking concerns and making suicidal comments.

Rule Basis: 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards. 110.5(1)o: Smoking and use of tobacco products prohibited at all times in the home and vehicles used to transport children. Smoking and use of tobacco products prohibited in outdoor play area during hours of operation. 110.5(9)a: The provider gives careful supervision at all times. c: Gives consistent, dependable care. Is capable of handling emergencies. 110.5(2) A physician's signed statement of health and immunization status on the provider and all members of the household who may be present when children are in the home. Statements must be obtained at the time of initial registration and updated every two years. Application for Child Development Home Registration 470-3384: I will inform the DHS of any changes that may affect my child care registration eligibility.

Findings:

An unannounced visit was completed on the Michele McFadden registered child development home on 5/23/14 by DHS worker Kathy Huinker. Michele knew why I was present and immediately began discussing the events of the prior weekend. Michele reported that she went out on 5/17/14 with her husband and admits to drinking too much alcohol. Michele reported that she did not have any day care children in care on this date, only her niece that she has custody of. Michele reported she made arrangements for this niece to be cared for by Michele's daughter and her boyfriend. When Michele and her husband returned home from their night out, a disagreement occurred between Michele and her daughter. The argument escalated to the point of Michele telling her daughter "...maybe I should just go hang myself..." Michele reported that she was given the option of either going to the police or the hospital. Michele went to Genesis West on Saturday evening where she was discharged a few hours later. Michele reports that she didn't leave the hospital on any new medications and no medications were adjusted. It was determined during this discussion that a large portion of their argument was regarding Michele's daughter and boyfriend living in the home for several months. Michele reported that they were residing in her home from March 1 - May 23, 2014. Michele did not notify DHS of new persons entering her home. We discussed the mold

concerns within the home, which has been previously addressed. Viewed the kitchen and front room areas which were of concern in the complaint. There is no evidence of mold in either location. Addressed the smoking concerns in the home. Michele stated she does not smoke in the home, but admits to having smoked in her basement over the winter of 2014 shortly after her mother's death. There is a preponderance of evidence noted for Michele smoking in the home and for not notifying DHS of new persons in home. There is not a preponderance of evidence to state Michele was not appropriately supervising children as this incident occurred after day care hours.

Resolution: A formal complaint was made with the Iowa Smoke Free Air Act reporting that Michele was smoking in the basement of her child development home. Michele was informed that whenever her household composition changes, she is required to contact the Department of Human Services within 10 days to notify them and initiate the record check process for those individuals.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at 563-326-8215 or email address khuinke@dhs.state.ia.us.

Sincerely,

Kathy Huinker, SWII
Social Worker

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Social Work Supervisor